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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE EUROPEAN STUDY GROUP

1. AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT FRANZ JONAS WHO HAS TERMINAL CANCER IS, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S GOVT ANNOUNCEMENT, IN A VERY GRAVE STATE. HE MAY THEREFORE DIE AT ANY TIME. SHOULD HIS DEATH OCCUR PRIOR TO OR DURING NWC VISIT TO VIENNA, 22-25 APR, ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR VISIT WOULD OF NECESSITY BE SERIOUSLY CURTAILED.

2. ALTHOUGH STATE FUNERAL WOULD PROBABLY NOT OCCUR PRIOR TO 24 OR 25 APR, PREPARATIONS THEREFORE, TO INCLUDE PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF A HIGH US GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO STATE FUNERAL, WOULD RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF BRIEFINGS BY AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS AND PROBABLY ALSO BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL VIENNA. EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN PREPARATIONS FOR STATE FUNERAL WOULD ALSO REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY OUR CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT NWC VISIT.

3. BRIEFINGS REMAINING ON SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE THOSE

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BY IAEA AND MBFR REPRESENTATIVES, SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON

OF 23 APR AND BRIEFINGS BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM US EMBASSIES
IN EASTERN EUROPE, SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF 24 APR.
REMAINDER OF VISIT WOULD THEN CONSIST OF UNOFFICIAL,
PRIVATE AND PROBABLY UNACCOMPANIED TOURS OF VIENNA AND
VICINITY. TRINKA

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